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NOVEMBER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Do Lamorindans care enough about their ancestors to find out what their names were? Or when they lived? Or where they came from? For those who would like to explore the possibility of beginning such a search, the three Lamorindan historical societies are sponsoring a joint meeting to discover how the experts find answers to these questions.

On Tuesday November 14, at Campolindo High School, Mrs. Scott Rountree, past president of the California Genealogical Society, will share some of her own sleuthing experiences in a program called "P(1)etting Your Family Tree".

Sample ancestor registration forms will be distributed as well as bibliographies that will include not only government documents such as registers of births, deaths, marriages, records of land grants, trials, probation of wills, pensions, and military service, but also genealogical works which have already organized much of this information for given geographical areas, for those of particular racial or religious origin, or even for those who bear certain family names.

Others, including Mrs. Bernice Mills who recently completed the Elam Brown genealogy, will also share some of their experiences in tracing ancestors. The joint meeting, hosted by the Moraga Historical Society will begin at 8:00 p.m.

BOOKS OF INTEREST

East Of These Golden Shores; architecture of the earlier days in Contra Costa and Alameda counties, by Dave Bohn. Junior League of Oakland, Scrimshaw Press, 1971.

Celebraties At Your Door Step, Leonard Verbarg, Editor. A treasury of Knave personalities from the pages of the Sunday Tribune. Alameda County Historical Society, 1972.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS IS HOLIDAY DISPLAY

Beautiful dolls and fanciful toys are all part of the new "'Twas The Night Before Christmas..." exhibit to open on November 10 at the LandMarks Room, 3614 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Designed and planned by Mrs. Carol Reom of the California Doll and Toy Museum Council, this year's historical society's holiday display will have a typical Victorian Christmas setting. Assisting Mrs. Reom were Mrs. Laura Newey and Mrs. Peggy White.

"You won't want to miss taking the entire family to see this make-believe Victorian house," said exhibit chairman, Mrs. Joan Merryman. The display will remain through January 10, 1973.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Del Valle High School students, Jim and Mark Lattaner, have been appointed as our student representatives. Both Mark and Jim are expert photographers and are members of the audio-visual department at Del Valle.

NEXT BOARD MEETING OF THE LAFAYETTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will be Tuesday December 5, 1972, 8:00 p.m. at the Finger residence, 1137 Garden Lane, Lafayette.

SECOND ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

Be sure to save Tuesday, January 9, 1973 for the Lafayette Historical Society's Second Annual Potluck Dinner to be held in the Veterans Memorial Building on Mr. Diablo Blvd. Several committees are already making plans for the January event according to Mrs. Jack Marchant, general chairman. Although all members of the Society will be contacted by a telephone committee, reservations and food assignments may be made now by calling Mrs. Marchant at 284-5693.

Of special interest will be a new videoscope film on the early history of Contra Costa County from the 1840's. "This potluck dinner is a great opportunity to get acquainted with some of the new members of our historical society," Lee Pfautch, president, said.